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[0020] There has thus been outlined, rather broadly, the more important features of the embodiment of the invention in order that the detailed description thereof that follows may be better understood and in order that the present contribution to the art may be better appreciated.

[0021] The present embodiment of the invention may also include a horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook, a snap and a swivel. There are, of course, additional features of the present embodiment of the invention that will be described hereinafter and which will form the subject matter of the claims attached.

C. The first sentence of [0021] is deleted and paragraph [0019] is deleted from [0018] to [0021] in the following and additional changes are added:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0018] In view of the foregoing disadvantages inherent in the known types of fishing tackle now present in the prior art, the present embodiment of the invention provides an improved bottom fish rig, and overcomes the above-mentioned disadvantages and drawbacks of the prior art. As such, the general purpose of the present embodiment of the invention, which will be described subsequently in greater detail, is to provide a new and improved bottom fish rig and method which has all the advantages of the prior art mentioned heretofore and many novel features that result in a bottom fish rig which is not anticipated, rendered obvious, suggested, or even implied by the prior art, either alone or in any combination thereof.

[0019] To attain this, the present embodiment of the invention essentially comprises an elongated leader having a hook end and a line end. The hook end having a leader hook loop and the leader line end having a leader line loop. A first movement stop is frictionally connected to the leader. A second movement stop is frictionally connected to the leader. The second movement stop is located between the first movement stop and the leader hook end. A sliding c-weight is connected to the leader. The c-weight has a first end having a first bore with an external slot on one side and a second end having a second bore with an external slot on the other side.]

[0019] The prior art of record neither discloses nor fairly teaches the recited limitations of the claimed combination including, but not limited to: an elongated leader, a first stop, a second stop, a c-weight, a swivel, a snap and a horizontal unilateral 3-prong hook.

[0020] There has thus been outlined, rather broadly, the more important features of the embodiment of the invention in order that the detailed description

thereof that follows may be better understood and in order that the present contribution to the art may be better appreciated. [0021] The present embodiment of the invention may also include a horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook, a snap and a swivel.] There are, of course, additional features of the present embodiment of the invention that will be described hereinafter and which will form the subject matter of the claims attached.

D. Add the section title: OBJECTIONS AND ADVANTAGES between paragraphs [0023] and [0024]:

[0023] As such, those skilled in the art will appreciate that the conception, upon which this disclosure is based, may readily be utilized as a basis for the designing of other structures, methods and systems for carrying out the several purposes of the present invention. It is important, therefore, that the claims be regarded as including such equivalent constructions insofar as they do not depart from the spirit and scope of the present embodiment of the invention.

OBJECTIONS AND ADVANTAGES

[0024] It is therefore an object of the present embodiment of the invention to provide a new and improved bottom fish rig that has all of the advantages of the prior art fishing tackle and none of the disadvantages.

E. Paragraph [0053] has the following changes:

[0053] A horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook 41 is connected to a snap 46 and a swivel 48 that are attached to a leader 13. A horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook 41 has three [welded] solidly joined barbs, a center barb 45 and a pair of symmetrical outer barbs 44 which are disposed within the 180 degree section. The center hook barb 45 stands erect in the same plane as the shank 42 and eye 43. This upward and inward placement of outer barbs 44 allows the horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook 41 to slide upon [the] a lake bottom without being caught on debris.

F. Paragraph [0063] and [0064] have the following changes:

[0063] In figure 8 a second embodiment of the removable sliding c-weight 25 of a bottom fish rig 12 is illustrated and will be described from the front view. The c-weight first end 28 has a c-weight first bore 30 connected to a c-weight first slot 32 on the right side. The inclined a-framed slopes [slope] of the two slots are indicated by thicker lines at the c-weight first slot 32 and at the hidden c-weight second slot 38. The shallow central semi-cylinder groove longitudinal groove 40 descends from the first bore 30 down to the bottom of the c-weight hull 26.

[0064] Figure 9 through figure 11 are illustrations of [a] 3 more

embodiments of a [removable sliding c-weight 25] of a bottom fish rig 12. A horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook 41 used in figure 1 has larger and wider hooks with a smaller shank 42 to eye 43 distance. Horizontal unilateral three-pronged hooks 41 illustrated in figure 9 through figure 11 represent some of the different embodiments and styles that could be incorporated into structuring a horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook 41. A horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook 41 has a set of three [welded] solidly joined barbs, a vertical center hook barb [is] 45 and a pair of two outer hook barbs [are] 44 [which] are located within [a] an upper 180-degree section. The center hook barb 45 stands erect in the same plane as the shank 42 and eye 43 which are bent upward from the horizontal position. The two outer hook barbs 44 are symmetrical between about 45-degrees to about 10-degrees from the flat surface and the same degrees from the center hook barb 45. Whereby when the center hook barb 45 is erected perpendicular to the horizontal surface, the angles of the two symmetrical hooks are 180-degrees when added together; if one outer hook barb 44 is 20-degrees, the other outer hook barb 44 will be 160-degrees; if one outer hook barb 44 is 45-degrees, the other outer hook barb 44 will be 135-degrees; and if one outer hook barb 44 is 30-degrees, the other outer barb 44 will be 150-degrees. This upward placement of the barbs 44 that are parallel to the bottom surface allows the horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook 41 to drag upon the bottom of the water without the prongs being caught on debris. A horizontal unilateral 3-prong hook 41 has a tendency to fall onto its horizontal side. When the leader 13 of a horizontal unilateral 3-prong hook 41 is jerked, the force toward the eye 43 causes a horizontal unilateral 3-prong hook 41 to flip upright.

- **Abstract**

G. The abstract had numerous changes, especially the addition of the numbers in the figures to the corresponding parts. Some other additions and deletions were made as follows:

BOTTOM FISH RIG

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present embodiment of the invention relates to a bottom fish rig 12 for use in connection with fishing tackle. The bottom fish rig 12 has particular utility in connection with fishing tackle having a strong leader 13 with a notable new removable sliding c-weight 25 and a horizontal unilateral three pronged hook 41 that resists snagging and reduces possible injuries. A horizontal unilateral three pronged hook 41 differs from the standard treble hook by having all three barbs oriented upwards in a 180 degree plane and that the horizontal unilateral three pronged hook 41 is designed to lie flat on the surface.